

House Resolution No. 3571

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily activities in order to convey a hearty Show-Me State welcome to esteemed visitors to this great state; and

Whereas, James Worthy of Los Angeles, California, has attained considerable distinction as a professional basketball player, sports broadcaster, and owner/president of the Big Game James, Incorporated, marketing firm; and

Whereas, James Worthy will visit the Kansas City, Missouri, area on July 11 and July 12, 2008, in order to participate in Clay Johnson Foundation charitable fund-raising events that will include the second annual Kansas City "Magic" All-Star Celebrity Basketball Game; and

Whereas, this year's fund-raising weekend is in partnership with the Kansas City Healthy Start's Dedicated Dad's program, which is sponsored by the Mother and Child Health Coalition of Greater Kansas City in order to reduce infant mortality and to improve the health of pregnant women and children in specific neighborhoods of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas; and

Whereas, born in Gastonia, North Carolina, on February 27, 1961, James Worthy attended the University of North Carolina to play basketball before joining the Los Angeles Lakers as a first-pick choice in the 1982 draft; and

Whereas, after his unanimous selection to the 1978 Prep All-American team in high school, James Worthy was named as a First Team Collegiate All-American in 1982, earned the special status of MVP for the NCAA championship in 1982, and played with Michael Jordan and Sam Perkins on the 1982 North Carolina national championship team; and

Whereas, James Worthy was on the 1983 All-Rookie team; won NBA titles with the Lakers in 1985, 1987, and 1988 alongside Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson; and was named as the 1988 NBA Finals MVP; and

Whereas, a seven-time All-Star player, and ranked by the NBA as one of the top 50 all-time greatest professional players, James Worthy retired from professional basketball in 1994; and

Whereas, James Worthy was recognized for his professional basketball accomplishments by being inducted into the James Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in life by James Worthy and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of his participation in fund-raising events that benefit the Clay Johnson Foundation of Kansas City, Missouri.

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to James Worthy of Los Angeles, California.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Harris
District No. 23

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3571, adopted July 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker